

MINUTES
Highway Expansion and Extension Loan Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
ADOT Executive Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona
February 21, 2007
1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

John McGee, Chair
Lela Steffey
Gary Bourne
Michael Anderson (by phone)

Bill Beyer
Robert Jackson
Jim Glock (by phone)

Others Present:

Val Carrola, ADOT
Steve Schaefer, ADOT

John Fink, ADOT

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by John McGee. A quorum was present.

Introductions

Mr. McGee asked the committee members and staff to briefly introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Action: A motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2006 meeting was made by Ms. Steffey, seconded by Mr. Beyer and passed unanimously.

Action: A motion to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting was made by Ms. Steffey, seconded by Mr. Beyer and passed unanimously.

Prior Business

Mr. McGee provided a brief history regarding the HELP program for the benefit of the new committee members. Ms. Steffey and Mr. Beyer made additional comments regarding the program.

New Business

Status Reports / HELP Annual Report / HELP Annual Audit / Application Status Report

Mr. Fink provided the cash and loan status reports. He said that through January 31, 2007 total revenue was approximately \$901 million with approximately \$795 million in total expenditures

leaving a cash balance of approximately \$106 million. Mr. Fink said that there have been 55 approved loans, with a total loan amount of \$598,090,308. Mr. Fink also discussed the HELP Annual Report and HELP Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006.

Mr. Schaefer provided the Committee with information regarding the status of proposed project loans. He said that there are currently seven projects with anticipated applications totaling \$44 million. There are also discussions with ten communities taking place.

Legislative Update

Chairperson McGee stated there are a couple of bills moving forward in the legislature which would create changes in the HELP program. He said that one bill would dedicate \$20 million of funding from the HELP program for loans to high-growth cities. The second proposed bill would allow HELP loans for transit capital projects.

Consideration of Loan Application

City of Tucson: Mountain Avenue – Roger Road to Ft. Lowell Road Project; \$14,000,000

Mr. Schaefer presented the Committee with an overview of the request made by the City of Tucson for the Mountain Avenue – Roger Road to Ft. Lowell Road Project. He described the location of the project in Tucson and said that the loan would provide funding for the reconstruction of the existing two-lane, uncurbed facility to include curbs, sidewalks, intermittent raised medians, a storm drain system, landscaping, and public art. The HELP Technical Committee reviewed the application and has recommended approval. Mr. Glock provided additional information about the project and noted that there are constraints with right-of-way that limit the width of the facility.

Action: A motion to approve the City of Tucson loan application was made by Mr. Beyer, seconded by Mr. Bourne, and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled based on the receipt of loan applications.

Call to the Public

No comments were made.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

John McGee, Chair